

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

HON. CHARLES S. COODY	AT	Montgomery, Alabama	
DATE COMMENCED:	2/28/07	AT	9:12 a.m. to 9:18 a.m.
DATE COMPLETED:	2/28/07	TO	Digital Recorded

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *
VS. * CASE NO.: 2:06CR71-MEF
BERNETTA WILLIS *

GOVERNMENT APPEARANCES: DEFENDANT

COURT OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Court Room Deputy: Wanda Stinson Law Clerk: Corrie Long

() NON-JURY TRIAL
(X) OTHER PROCEEDINGS HEARING RE: MOTION TO WITHDRAW ATTORNEY

SEE MINUTES ATTACHED

LOG OF PROCEEDINGS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED			
Description	USA v. Willis, 06cr71-MEF Hrg re: Motion to withdraw Atty		
Date	2/28/2007	Location	Courtroom 4B
Time	Speaker	Note	
9:12:56 AM	Court	Court convenes; parties present as noted; Discussions as to the motion to withdraw filed by Atty. Smedley; Discussions regarding USA presence for this proceeding;	
9:13:22 AM	Atty. Snyder	Addresses the court that if Ms. Smedley be allowed to withdraw and new counsel come in and there may be a motion to continue, that the agent informed that his wife is pregnant and is expecting sometime at the end of August or beginning of September and that trial be set prior to that if possible;	
9:13:56 AM	Court	Judge Fuller has another term that begins July 9th;	
9:14:14 AM	Atty. Synder	Request to be excused from this proceeding;	
9:14:24 AM	Atty Smedley	Ms. Willis is asking to say something before government's counsel leave the courtroom;	
9:14:29 AM	Court	Do not wish to hear from deft; court has read letters submitted. Deft advised that she will not get out of jail; Discussions as to the motion to withdraw filed because deft does not accept advice of counsel;	
9:15:00 AM	Atty. Smedley	Response; Deft has contacted other attys to retained them; Have been contacted by Atty. Bell and Atty Susan James; That family members of Ms. Willis have contacted them and paid them to represent her;	
9:15:29 AM	Court	Mr. Bell represented Ms. Willis last year and withdrew in March of last year;	
9:15:37 AM	Atty. Smedley	Mr. Bell advised that he had been retained to represent her and requested information from file; Have received numerous visits and phones calls from Ms. Washington;	
9:16:12 AM	Court	Addresses the deft; Trial is set for March 12th; If Mr. Bell files a notice of appearance, the court will grant the motion to withdraw; otherwise this case will go to trial;	
9:17:35 AM	Ms. Willis	Apologizes to the court and Atty. Smedley;	
9:18:16 AM	Court	Addresses the deft as to atty obligation to deft,	
9:18:56 AM	Court	The motion is denied, but if Mr. Bell or Ms. James file a notice of appearance, then the court will grant the motion. Court is recessed;	